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HOUSE BILL 570

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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FOR THE ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; CREATING THE ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE--  
CREATED--MEMBERS--APPOINTMENT--TERMS.--"

A. The "economic and rural development committee" is created as a joint interim committee of the legislature.

B. The committee shall be composed of sixteen members. The New Mexico legislative council shall appoint eight members from the house of representatives and eight members from the senate. At the time of making the appointment, the legislative council shall designate the chair

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1 and vice chair of the committee.

2 C. Members shall be appointed so as to give the two  
3 major political parties in each house the same proportionate  
4 representation on the committee as prevails in each house;  
5 provided that in no event shall either of the parties have less  
6 than one member from each house on the committee. Members may  
7 be removed from the committee by the legislative council, at  
8 the request of the committee chair, for nonattendance according  
9 to legislative council policy. Vacancies on the committee,  
10 however caused, may be filled by the legislative council, or  
11 the legislative council may reduce the size of the committee by  
12 not making replacement appointments and, in such case, need not  
13 readjust party representation. No action shall be taken by the  
14 committee if a majority of the total membership from either  
15 house on the committee rejects such action."

16 Section 2. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is  
17 enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE--  
19 DUTIES.--The economic and rural development committee shall  
20 conduct a continuing study of the programs, agencies, policies,  
21 issues and needs of the state relating to economic and rural  
22 development, including a study of the impact of rules and  
23 administrative procedures and a review and study of the  
24 statutes, constitutional provisions, regulations and court  
25 decisions governing such programs, agencies, policies, issues

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1 and needs. The committee shall make an annual report of its  
2 findings and recommendations and shall recommend any necessary  
3 legislation to each session of the legislature."

4 Section 3. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is  
5 enacted to read:

6 "[NEW MATERIAL] ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE--  
7 SUBCOMMITTEES.--

8 A. The "administrative procedures subcommittee" is  
9 created as a permanent subcommittee to be appointed by the  
10 chair from among the members and advisors of the economic and  
11 rural development committee to review and examine rules for  
12 their impact on economic and rural development and to evaluate  
13 the model Administrative Procedures Act for its impact on  
14 economic and rural development in New Mexico. Its membership  
15 shall be composed of at least one member from the senate and  
16 one member from the house of representatives, and at least one  
17 member of the minority party shall be a member of the  
18 subcommittee.

19 B. Other subcommittees of the economic and rural  
20 development committee shall be created only by majority vote of  
21 all members appointed to the committee, with the prior approval  
22 of the New Mexico legislative council, and shall be composed of  
23 members as described in Subsection A of this section.

24 C. All meetings and expenditures of a subcommittee,  
25 other than the administrative procedures subcommittee, shall be

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1 approved by the full committee in advance of such meeting or  
2 expenditure, and the approval shall be shown in the minutes of  
3 the committee."

4 Section 4. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is  
5 enacted to read:

6 "[NEW MATERIAL] ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE--  
7 REPORT.--The economic and rural development committee shall  
8 make a report of its findings and recommendations for  
9 consideration to the New Mexico legislative council on or  
10 before December 15 preceding each legislative session."

11 Section 5. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is  
12 enacted to read:

13 "[NEW MATERIAL] ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE--  
14 STAFF.--The staff for the economic and rural development  
15 committee shall be provided by the legislative council  
16 service."